

Official Philatelic Bureau Literature Index

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This listing covers the period from September 1972 to April 2008, a span of thirty-six years during which the Malta Philatelic Bureau has issued no less than 272 editions of its official bulletin "The Malta Stamp". The bulletin almost invariably accompanies every stamp issue, although on a very few occasions this was not the case and instead information leaflets were issued in its place. Besides these bulletins a list of other promotional material regarding what may be loosely termed as "philatelic" issues made available during this period through the philatelic bureau is also included.

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* *Issue 195 was withdrawn from circulation on the eve of the planned release date of the stamp set it portrayed. The set "Malta's Film Industry", which consisted of five stamps designed by Richard J. Caruana in the values of 6c, 12c, 22c, 27c and 50c, was due to be issued on the 27th February 2002 but in actual fact eventually it turned out that it was never released.. It was printed by Bundesdruckerei and its planned withdrawal date as advertised should have been the 26th February 2003.*

** *For some unknown reason, The Malta Stamp bulletin accompanying the 2007 "Prehistoric Sculptures" set was numbered 250 while that accompanying the "Maltese Fruits" set which immediately followed it was numbered 249.*

The Malta Stamp bulletin marked XXX accompanying the "Last Decimal Coins" stamp set issue should have had issue number 262 imprinted.

Other Philatelic Bureau Pamphlet Type Issues which accompanied stamps released in miniature sheet format and for which Malta Stamp Bulletins were not released.

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